REMARKS

The indication that the embodiments of Claims 14 and 22-27 are allowable is acknowledged. As presently amended all pending claims are restricted to the scope of allowable Claim 22.

Claims 1-13 15-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as anticipated by WO 83207 (to Pyles et al).

Claims 1-13 and 15-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,733,543 (to Pyles et al)

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 11-13, 20 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by JP 57977.

The present amendment and cancellation of the several claims render moot the above stated rejections.

Believing the above represent a complete response to the Office Action and that the application is in condition for allowance, applicants request the earliest issuance of an indication to this effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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